

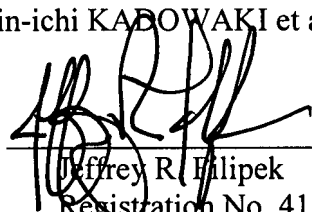
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18 have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

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